

Tower Tidings

Where Everybody's Welcome, Nobody's Perfect and Anything's Possible!



FRIDAY FUN FEST AT FIRST

Join us for a neighborhood block party to end the summer here at First Church on Friday **August 25th** from **5:30 to 8PM**. Corn hole, face painting, music, food, and more. Hamburgers, hotdogs and more will be served. The Palmyra Citizens' Fire Department, Life Lion Ambulance and Western Lebanon County EMA will be presenting fire safety, first aid and emergency preparedness demonstrations. Be on the lookout for a special guest!

Annie's ice cream truck will be there too so you can purchase your cones, root beer floats and arctic creations. See you there!

TIME TO RISE AGAINST HUNGER— Again this year, PFUMC Mission Commission has scheduled a food packing event to be held here at the church on **Sat., Nov. 11**. We hope everyone who has joined in this event in the past will be able to help again this year.

Here is an update on **Stop Hunger Now**:

Stop Hunger Now has changed its name but not its focus. Now called **Rise Against Hunger**, this international hunger relief non-profit organization still coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other life-changing aid to people in developing nations.

Founded in 1998 **Rise Against Hunger** mobilizes more than 350,000 volunteers each year to package meals for people in need around the globe. Since 2005 more than 315,000,000 meals have been distributed to recipients in 74 countries. The goal is to end hunger in our lifetime.

The Mission Commission asks everyone to consider donating to this worthy agency. Last year we contributed over \$4000. We would like to surpass that amount this year to \$4385, enough for 15,120 meals

You can put your cash donation in an envelope, in the offering and mark it "Rise Against Hunger." If writing a check, please make it out to Palmyra First UMC and mark "Rise Against Hunger" on the notation line.

Worship Schedule

July 2: "Thanks": A Singer's Look at Faith.

Psalm 30

July 9: "Praise": A Singer's Look at Faith.

Psalm 150

July 16: Lee Smedley preaching

July 23: Mike Poltonavage preaching

July 30: "Worthwhile Living." Ephesians 4:1-16

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

Being The Hands and Feet of Jesus

Opportunities for Service and Mission

Fabric Anyone?

The United Methodist Women will be making bags for school children. They are in need of heavy duty fabric; denim, sailcloth, upholstery material, heavy curtain material. The material cannot have any advertising, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage images on it. Each bag will require a yard of fabric. If you have any fabric to share, please drop it off at the *Welcome Desk* by July 23, 2017. Monetary donations for the purchase of material will also be accepted. Thank you so much for helping a worthy cause!

CARING CUPBOARD GARDEN If you would like to be the hands and feet of Jesus, help us plant, weed, water or harvest the garden, please contact Fred or Betty Adams at 838-6747 or Fred's cell phone: 717-533-5203.



UMW Fund Raising Update

Thanks to everyone's support, the PFUMC UMW was able to raise funds to support local and other charities. For our election day bake sale, we made over \$500 which will go to a variety of worthy causes including the Phoenix Center after school program, Caring Cupboard, Rise Against Hunger and Lebanon County Mentor a Mother. We also thank those of you who participated in the Mothers' Day Honor Roll. \$268 will go to "Pat's Cubs" a summer reading program in memory of Pat Bachman. Donations from the Father's Day Honor Roll will go to Gretna Glen (amount not available at time of printing).

Scheduling Here at PFUMC is really pretty simple. Contact the office. With what you ask? Date, time, space needed, contact person with best ways to contact. (ie cell phone, email, carrier pigeon, etc.) From there if anything is missing we can ask. Scheduling ahead means we can give you priority on a room. It means that others know how to cooperate. Often, if it's there in advance, it means it's listed on published calendars. At its root it's one way we offer love and respect to each other as we work together making sure *Everybody's Welcome*, knowing that *Nobody's Perfect*, and that *Anything's Possible!*

Reminder: The Tower Tidings is on vacation for the month of August! Please have your September information and articles to Tracy Nornhold at tmnornhold@comcast.net by August 15th for the September issue.



HOSPITALITY HELPERS NEEDED — we are seeking volunteers to get the coffee and cookies ready on Sunday mornings. A big **thank you** to those who have already volunteered. Pick a date, sign up on the clipboard by the *Welcome Desk*.

HONOR SOMEONE WITH ALTAR FLOWERS — July 9 and Aug 6, 13 & 20. There are additional open dates throughout the year, please ask. Contact the church office (838-2551 or churchoffice@pfumc.us) to reserve a Sunday.



Mission Team Bake Sale — several Mission Team members will be hosting a bake sale during the Palmyra Library's annual book sale (July 8-13). The proceeds from the sale will help defray the costs to individuals that are participating in our mission trip this August. Details on donation of baked goods will be coming soon!!

CAMP SUPPLY REQUEST: We are seeking the following donations for the Noah's Little Ark summer camp: Brita water bottle, sealed bags of nut-free pretzels, empty water bottles, and sealable bags (Ziploc-type). Please feel free to put your donations in the box outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

MISSION TEAM FUND RAISING:

We want to say THANK YOU everyone who purchased soup and chili and who attended the Pasta Dinner and Mission Breakfast and who donated money. With your support, we raised \$2,500 in 5 months to buy building supplies for our trip to Hollywood SC in August and area mission needs.

We will continue the fund raising events in the fall, so stay tuned.

Upcoming UMW Activities:

- July 31: Cut out and make school supply bags
- August 25: Participate in Friday Fun Fest @ First
- September 10: Organize school supplies for UMCOR
- October 28: Retreat at Camp Seltzer (more information TBA)
- November 7: Election Day Bake Sale
- December 2: Baby Shower for Jesus (collect UMCOR layettes)
- January 12: Girls Night Out—Appetizers and a Movie
- February 11: Make valentines for seniors
- March: TBA
- April 29: Plant a tree at church
- May: Primary Election Day Bake Sale
- June: TBA

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR UMCOR KITS

Over the summer UMW will again collect school supplies for UMCOR kits. We also hope to make school bags to hold the supplies. If you love to sew and see nice fairly heavy fabric on sale, please consider buying fabric and making a few bags. We will fill the bags at our September meeting. Directions for making a bag may be found at <https://www.umcor.org/umcor/relief-supplies/relief-supply-kits/school-bag-instructions>.

School Kit Materials

- **1 pair blunt scissors**
 - * Rounded tip only
 - * No plastic scissors, please
- **3 pads of paper**
 - * Spiral- or top-bound pads
 - * 150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad
 - * Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable
 - * No composition books
- **1 hand-held pencil sharpener**
 - * Must be at least 1 inch long
 - * Remove from packaging
- **1 30-centimeter ruler**
 - * Hard or flexible
 - * Cartoon characters are acceptable
 - * No advertisements please
- **6 unsharpened pencils**
 - * No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please
 - * Cartoon characters are acceptable
- **1 2-inch or larger-size eraser**
 - * No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please
 - * Cartoon characters are acceptable
- **1 24-count box of crayons**
 - * Only 24-count boxes, please



HOW TO GET STUFF ANNOUNCED IN WORSHIP

Step One: Be prepared with a written announcement 30-90 seconds long and a spokesperson. See the ideas about "How Stuff Gets in the Sunday News" they apply here too! Our goal is 1.5 to 3 minutes of announcements including Pastor Dave's Highlights (they are usually written for 90 second presentation), and ask yourself does everyone here benefit by hearing this? (If not another way of communicating may yield better results.) Also ask "What am I asking listeners to do today?" Your voice helps people hear the invitation. Make yourself a note and share the good news!

Glory Over Everything by Kathleen Grissom is the T.E.A. book for September 7th. T.E.A. will not meet in July or August.

CARD SHOWER — Lucille Shroyer will be 93 years old on **July 17**. Please help celebrate with a card shower.

Her address is:

Masonic Village

Health Care Center

Room 3966B

Elizabethtown, PA 17022-2199



YOUTH MINISTRY RENEWAL Get involved in the planning & excitement. Ask about regular UMYF Sunday night meetings. Contact Mike Pavasco 717-383-5501 to find out more!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017 - 8:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START
Deer Valley Golf Course

Do you enjoy playing golf? Do you want to support our local food pantry? Then please come out and join in the 11th annual Caring Cupboard Golf Outing. Cost is \$75 per player and includes golf, a delicious meal and door prizes.

So, get your foursome together and come out for a day of fun!

Please contact Tim Yingst for more information at 717.926.8777 or tyingst@elheim.com.

-- Please cut and return bottom portion with payment to Tim Yingst or at the Welcome Desk . Checks should be made out to the Caring Cupboard--

Golfer's Names (Please Print):
